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News Summary.

Foreign.—150 lives lost by the capsizing of the Daphne at her launching in the Clyde.—Comte de Chambord dangerously ill.—Mr. Trevelyan questions pauper emigration in the House of Commons.—China rejects the French treaty; Russia keeps out of the scrap.—Cholera advancing in Damietta and elsewhere in Egypt.—Chilians evacuate Peruvian towns.—Denied that England will annex New Guinea.—More assisted emigrants leave Ireland for America.—Greedy relief expedition—Proteus and Yankee—sailed for Disco, Greenland, from St. Johns, N. F.—Channel tunnel more favorably considered.

Domestic.—Abp. Purcell of Cincinnati dead.—Nat'l Council of Education at Saratoga—Knox, editor of *Texas Sketches*, and Sheahan, sculptor, fight duel at Far Rockaway; Knox hit in shoulder. Query: Is this a big ad?—Fourth of July celebrated very quietly everywhere; Bowen's usual Woodstock, with ex-Pres. Hayes and Bp. Cox for speakers—Heat intense everywhere.—Hanlan wins another race at Lowell.—New Cunarder *Aurania* comes into port disabled.—Union and Confederate troops to celebrate battle of Wilson's Creek.—Equitable Life makes statement about Dr. Tyng's resignation; says it was all proper, etc.—Marquis Demores driven off his ranch by herdsmen.—Virginia Military Institute cadets bring back 165th N. Y. S. V. flag and are received at City Hall with speeches.—Father McCarthy's charge against his servant dismissed.—Daphne Co. poorhouse in Pa. burned; twelve insane people still at large.—Irishmen mass-meet, and raise funds for Phoenix Park murderers' families.—Elam and Beirne, Richmond editors, fight a duel Elam wounded.—Trade dollars gone to see Buffalo.—Miss Beckwith doesn't swim from Sandy Hook to Rockaway.—August Belmont, Jr., in an altercation at Hempstead.—Thirteenth Regiment (H. W. Beecher, chaplain) now in camp.—Gebhard's *Elephant* runs races, and Fred die and the Lily gaze upon him at Coney Island.—Catamaran beats a horse four hours in eighty mile race.—Collector Robertson continues to fight pauper immigration.—Orange lawn tennis tournament in full force.

About Town.

Mr. Robert Fulton, of the Weymouth Paper Mills, is at Spring Lake, N. J.

Dr. J. B. Pitt has returned from his Western trip, and is prepared to resume his practice. Dr. Pitt expresses himself as much impressed with the immensity of the "Great West," and the energy of its people; but he is satisfied to remain in Bloomfield for the present.

Mr. Wm. Jarvie and family expect to spend the summer in Michigan. During their absence Mr. J. N. Jarvie will make his home with relatives in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Schwartz, wife of the Rev. Mr. Schwartz, proposes a summer class in German in the Seminary lecture room in the mornings at nine o'clock.

The new hayards came in time, and they were carried to the top of the tall liberty pole by the skill of Mr. Henry Spear, who is in the employ of Johnson & Akers. It was no easy task, nor one without its danger; and the agile climber swarmed up the pole about five o'clock on the morning of the Fourth of July, to the admiration of all early risers.

Commuters from Newark, Chat-ham, and Glen Ridge failed to get their July tickets at the usual time, and were consequently much inconvenienced. The company says the lists were not sent to them; the agents say that they were sent, but were lost or mislaid by some one connected with the Exchange Place office.

Thos. Oakes & Co. have been enlarging their weave room, and are putting in some new machinery.

Mr. Dancer is the most enthusiastic Fourth of July patriot in town. Utterly regardless of expense, he fired a rocket which alone will cost him about \$75 when the plate glass window in Hayes's store is replaced. It will take his profits on at least two weeks' sales of CITIZENS to pay for that rocket. Well, if he will dancer round in such a reckless way, he must pay the piper.

Mr. Wm. Jarvie has rented his house for the summer to Mr. Hartung, the same gentleman who occupied Mr. McIntosh's house last summer.

The dullness of the paper trade has caused the closing of the Weymouth Paper Mills for two or three weeks. The rubber mill is also closed for the present week.

Some enterprising boys from Montclair have been "smashing" glass in the front windows at Brookside for amusement. On Tuesday last three of them were caught at their favorite sport, and their names secured for future reference. When called to answer in court, they won't think it so "funny." The net re-

sult of the afternoon's amusement was \$300 worth of broken glass. This has been going on each summer until it has grown monotonous—for the trustees. The boys would do well to call and settle up.

The summer hegira has begun—Misses Annie Morris and Georgia Oakes left on Friday for Stamford, etc., where they will remain for several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Jos. C. Morris and daughter go to Monticello, New York, for the summer.

The parishes of the Catholic churches of Bloomfield, Belleville, and Montclair united in an excursion on Thursday last to Iona Island.

One of the paper balloons sent up upon the evening of the Fourth of July took fire and fell upon the roof of Mr. Wm. M. Crane's house on Broad St. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done.

We had a funny blunder in our proof of Dr. Hall's speech. We wrote "a minister who is *truly such*." The intelligent compositor, with the specific case in his eye, set it up "a minister who is *holy and rich*."

Jas. Powell is out of town for the month of July; his wife, assisted by Squire Hall, has succeeded in securing him a cheap boarding place for thirty days, where Jersey lightning will not strike him, and where there is neither furniture to smash nor children's clothing to tear to shreds.

The Silver Lake Sabbath school will go on a picnic Wednesday, July 11, to Edenwild, Verona Lake.

An unknown man was run over a few days ago by a train upon the Wachung branch of the New York and Greenwood Lake Railway. He was walking upon the track, and either failed to hear or to obey the warning signal.

A band of young rowdies made the early morning of the Fourth hideous by shrieks and yells and various noises. The constables should have arrested some of them; but when constables themselves have to be arrested, what can you expect?

Fish will be a drug in the Bloomfield market to-day; thirty of our townsmen started early yesterday morning, by steamer, from Newark for Prince's Bay, for a day's fishing. Now look out for some tall stories!

We are asked to draw the attention of our Park Committee to the desirability of placing seats in convenient and shady places about the Park. Mr. John G. Keyler offers to give one seat, and a lady of his acquaintance will give another. We think these offers should be at once accepted.

On the Fourth, a certain baker, firing at a mark—in this case a tin can—sent a bullet through the upper window of a neighboring house, and narrowly escaped killing a child. This baker's own was altogether too hot, for he showed no regret whatever at his recklessness. Perhaps he has since cooled off. Hence we omit his name, being merciful this week.

A great tree-limb, in the yard of Mr. Akers, in Bloomfield Ave., celebrated the Fourth by coming down suddenly. Report has it that it scared a gentleman in the next house through a window, and over a fence, taking a picket and leaving a shoe behind him.

A slight fire occurred on the 4th in Niederman's bakery Montclair, but it was extinguished before the arrival of the Fire Company. Thirteen members turned out with the machine.

Mr. John F. Woodhull, lately Assistant Principal of the High School, and now Principal of the High School at Chicopee Falls, near Springfield, Mass., is in town for a short visit. He gave a talk in the seminary, and remarked that he approved of the paper. Which shows that he is still the same sensible person he was when he went away from us to the Bay State.

Parochial School of the Sacred Heart.

The annual exhibition by the scholars of this school was given on the afternoon of the 4th, in the neat and commodious hall in the new school building.

The programme, which was both instructive and amusing, consisted of music, both vocal and instrumental, by the scholars; dialogues, recitations, essays, etc. "Dox's Diplomacy" was certainly effectual. "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" was well and sweetly sung by Master Frank Daily. We would suggest, however, that next time he face the audience. In the dialogue, "The Photograph Gallery," Master Vaughan brought down the house by his capital representation of the man of the world.

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Josie Cullen, Ellie Scully, Lizzie Jackson, Mary Cogan, Nellie Senior, 2d Grade—Thos. Kelly, Thos. McCabe, Jas. Dunnigan, Wm. Vaughan, John Mylod, John Fox, Michael Dr. Michael Gleann, Michael Murray, Thomas Manning, Agnes Quinn, Gertie O'Brien, Mary Noon, Katie Cox, Winnie Hickigan, Lucy De Bussigny, Katie Costigan, Rosie Brady, Mary Gee, Mary Dunigan, Mary Mahoney, Annie McKeenna, Anna Gee, Mary Shannon, Annie Maher, Esther Hewitt, and Mary Higgins.

High School Commencement.

A disinterested stranger seeking amusement and instruction, would not be inclined to select a high school commencement to serve his purpose. As a rule, we have found school orations and essays, like babies, far more entertaining to those directly interested than to the unprejudiced visitor. A very agreeable surprise was therefore awaiting us, for the exercises of the Class of '83 were very enjoyable; they were more than enjoyable; they were satisfactory. The trustees and teachers had an opportunity of showing in public, a specimen of the results, they have been quietly attaining by much hard work. While we outsiders have, as has been frequently shown, great faith in the wisdom of the board, and the faithfulness and efficiency of the teachers, an occasional exhibition of their handiwork, enables our sight to give a little needed relief to our faith.

The wisdom and expediency of supporting a high school at public expense, is a question which, we are free to admit, has two sides to it; but the most case-hardened objector must have felt his convictions a little shaken by the boys and girls the other night. There was a vein of serious appreciation of advantages enjoyed, and consequent responsibilities to come, running through speech and manner, which argued well for the future of the graduates and the community. Since our town can furnish such good raw material for the manufacture of future citizens, is it not well to supply the machinery and skilled labor necessary to work it up into proper shape? We congratulate trustees, principal, and teachers on their success in the highest department. If the results of their year's work in the lower classes correspond with this external indication (and we suppose they do), we congratulate the citizens also. What an unusual epidemic of good sense, must have existed at school election times, to have caused the people to place in office, such a safe and able body of men as our school trustees! This was the reflection we made as we glanced along the line on the platform.

The exercises were opened by prayer offered by Rev. H. W. Ballantine. Following it came the salutatory, delivered by Wm. R. Broughton, in Latin. It probably was very good, but we cannot say positively, for we are at present not able to understand more than two or three words in succession of Latin, and this rather seriously interferes with fully grasping the meaning of an address in that language. Long usage sanctions, nay, almost demands, Latin and Greek at commencement, but we doubt if it is any wiser now than in the days of St. Paul, to speak an unknown tongue. However, the speaker himself evidently understood what he was talking about, and that is more than can be said of many other orators. Having finished his Latin discourse, Mr. Broughton gave his ideas on the duties of American citizenship. They were as sound as gold currency, and we hope their possessor will long remain in our neighborhood to put and keep them in circulation.

Miss Genevieve B. Morris read an essay in which she enlightened her audience on the subject of English ballad poetry. The good old times were discussed in a decidedly new style in the essay of Florence Farrington. She first described the homes and people of the olden time, and compared them with those of the present day. Her description of the Sunday dinner was graphic. We have a suspicion that this species is not yet quite extinct. Having by contrasting with the present, shown that the old times were good only in comparison with those which were before them, she drew on history and science to enforce the truth of this proposition. This description is very dry, but the essay was the very reverse. It was received with most enthusiastic applause. Even the grave and dignified occupants of the platform were obliged frequently to relax their features. The essay was cleverly written, and was, moreover, read in a natural and easy manner that deserves decided approval.

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The Fire Association.

The truck company have regularly organized. There are now thirty members who can be safely counted upon, having signed the By-laws and expressed their readiness to engage in active service. The truck company will purchase their own shirts and the association will provide the hats and belts. There are quite a number of further applications for membership, which will soon be acted upon. There will be a parade upon the reception of the truck, which will occur between the 1st and 15th of August.

A Constable Arrested for Assault.

Last Tuesday, on complaint of Louis Johnson, Constable Geo. Cadmus arrested a citizen and a constable. Both were fighting drunk, and gave the officer considerable trouble. The citizen was finely handcuffed. On being taken before Squire Hall, the constable had sense enough left to hand over his loaded revolver to the Squire. He also gave ball to appear at court to answer for his offence. The other case was settled before Squire Hall on Thursday, who inflicted a nominal fine and dismissed the culprit, considering that he had received about enough disgrace for once, and hoping he might do better in the future.

Meeting of the School Trustees.

The regular meeting of the Trustees of the school was held on Tuesday evening, at the residence of Mr. Chabrier Peloubet, Absent, Mr. Chas. W. Maxfield.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of the special meeting, June 25, 1883, the following bills were passed and ordered paid: Mrs. Pat. McGlynn, coal, etc., \$392 47; W. A. Baldwin, salary, including taking census, etc., \$129 82; Trustee First Presbyterian Church, \$10; Peloubet & Co., \$3.50.

The Teachers' Committee recommended the promotion of Miss Genevieve Petrie from the third class to the principalship in the Center Primary. This recommendation was adopted.

The report of Mr. J. B. Dunbar was then read, as follows:

The total enrollment for the five weeks ending Friday, June 29th, was 754, with an average daily attendance of 619, or 84 per cent. The half day absences numbered 2,683. The reports from Berkley and the Center Primary are incomplete, and no detailed statement of the causes of absences can be given.

The work of the month throughout the school was reviews, including a general review of the entire year's work, and in the main was quite satisfactory. The last week was devoted to the usual examinations for promotions. The promotions are made with very good averages in nearly all the classes.

Special effort was made to keep regular class work in progress in all departments to the closing day of school. The changes made in the course of study in the primary and grammar departments at the beginning of the year, have worked well in some classes; it has required great effort to accomplish the work called for; but in every case it has elicited interest in the pupils, and also stimulated special efforts on the part of the teachers. Much more of definite instruction and valuable information may now be had in these departments than was possible here.

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